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TEN CENTS A WEEK

THE BEAUTIFUL SNOW COVERS ENTIRE NORTH

Storm Was Worst in Washington for Ten Years.
Especially Severe in New York.

NEW YORK, March 5.—As a result of a March blizzard which swept down unannounced during Wednesday night, the entire middle Atlantic seaboard from New York to Norfolk found itself Thursday buried in an avalanche of snow and swept by destructive winds. For a time here yesterday conditions seemed to threaten a repetition of the great blizzard of March 12, 1888, but last night the storm sank to less alarming proportions.

For the telephone and telegraph companies the storm was one of the worst in years. The worst of the snow hurricane struck the wedge of territory which included Washington and Baltimore. The region south of Philadelphia was well nigh a blank on the map for the greater part of the day.

Reports from Perryville, Md., sixty miles below Philadelphia, said last night that for thirty miles beyond that point every wire was down. These lines include some of the best and most expensively constructed wires in the country.

The first train from Washington to reach Jersey City yesterday arrived at

5 o'clock in the afternoon and it was due at 7:08 a. m.

In New York City three lives were lost in the sinking of six Baltimore & Ohio coal barges at St. George, Staten Island. In New York harbor barges under tow were blown ashore while tugs and small boats went scurrying for cover.

Between Baltimore and Washington hundreds of telegraph poles were carried down by the weight of snow and ice and the wind. North and east of the city trains are merely creeping along without aid of telegraphic orders. It may be a week before normal conditions are restored.

At no previous time in the city's history has the street car service been dealt so severe a blow. The financial loss is incalculable.

Thousands of people who expected to attend the inaugural ceremonies in Washington were unable to obtain transportation there.

Baltimore Cut Off.

BALTIMORE, March 5.—(By United Wireless)—Thousands of people bound

for the inaugural ceremonies in Washington were detained yesterday by reason of paralyzed train traffic resulting from a blizzard. For hours Baltimore was cut off from communication with the outside world.

Almost the whole city lay under a net work of fallen wires. Neither of the two telegraph companies had a single wire working out of Baltimore and the telephone service was badly crippled locally and altogether useless as to outside points. The storm caused the death of Policeman Thomas H. Worthington, who was removing a fallen "dead" wire when a live wire fell, killing him instantly. A woman was reported killed in north-east Baltimore.

A telegraph cable strung across the tracks of the Baltimore and Ohio at Green Mount avenue, sagged so as to stop trains and had to be cut to permit them to pass. The damage to wires extended in all directions within a radius of thirty miles of this city.

Suffering at Washington.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Much suffering was caused among the vast inauguration crowd here by the wintry winds, the slush under foot and freezing temperature.

Two persons were reported dead as a result of exposure and many other persons are seriously ill. The dead:

Andrew Doran, 55 years old, a Pullman conductor, who died at the union station.

Norman A. Stall, 45 years old, of Richmond, Va., who was seized with an attack of apoplexy.

All of the hospitals report that they have treated numerous cases of exhaustion among persons who stood for many hours in the slush and snow viewing the inaugural parade.

Atlanta the Open Gate.

ATLANTA, March 5.—Storm-locked for six hours, with not a single telegraph or telephone wire in operation in any direction, Washington finally secured communication with the outside world through the Atlanta office of the Associated Press, and for the greater part of the day this was the only news service wire out of the National Capital.

The wires from Atlanta to Chicago and from Chicago to New York were not interfered with, and after communication had been established to Washington news from the Atlanta office of the Associated Press, and likewise the news of the world was handled to the National Capital through the Atlanta office.

Battleships Have Rough Time.

NORFOLK, Va., March 5.—With the wind blowing nearly forty miles an hour across the Hampton Roads the battleships of the Sperry fleet at anchor there had a rough time of it Wednesday night and Thursday. The great machines of war rode through the storm in perfect safety but several small boats and launches were sunk or driven ashore. There was no loss of life. The admiral's launch from the battleship Wisconsin was sunk.

Mud Still Being Used.

Notwithstanding the fact that The Sun has time and again called attention to the inferior article being used on the streets around the square, it seems that they will use nothing else but the real mud for these improvements. Chairman Graves of the street committee said that no more of the sand and clay would be used to fill up the depressions in the streets like that used in front of the postoffice block, but no later than Friday this same class of material was being hauled for West Main street, and last week several loads were dumped in front of the Bauknight property on West Main. When it rains it is really worse than the water holes, and it certainly looks as if it was a very useless expense to haul sand and mud from outside the city limits to dump around the square, later having the same sand hauled off the square when it has washed into the gutters. Who is to blame? And if it was ordered stopped, why was it not done?

DR. CLINE MARRIED ONE WOMAN TWICE

And No Telling How Many of the Innocent Creatures
He Has Duped Once.

By reference to the following clipping more will be learned of Dr. A. E. Cline, who left this city a few nights since, having been caught at Lake Butler by one of his endorsers on a note and made to shell out the equivalent of the note before allowed to proceed further.

The Doctor has probably skipped this city with about \$50 in cash, besides there is one of his notes out for \$150 endorsed by three citizens that will doubtless have to stand the loss.

While the indebtedness he had accumulated here amounted to several hundred dollars, in most cases it was for furnishings and other necessities, and as none of this has been taken away or sold the original owners will be able to claim everything, as the goods are always sold with a lease attachment.

The following article appeared in the columns of the local paper published at Statesboro, Ga.:

"By reference to a clipping from The Wadesboro (N. C.) Messenger and Intelligencer, which is reproduced in another column, it will be seen that our old-time fellow-citizen and friend, Dr. A. E. Cline, is once again able to fill some newspaper space.

"It seems that 'the Doc' is rather addicted to matrimony, having married one woman twice and married several others in various sections of the country, going first under one name and then another. Just how

many living wives this scoundrel has is hard to estimate. He seems slick enough to fool some young girl in every town he goes to, and so far has escaped the penitentiary, a place he will eventually land. Why he has escaped so far is one of the 'seven wonders.'

"The last marriage was pulled off at Gainesville, Fla., after he was compelled to skip the limits of North Carolina to escape an indictment. While here last spring he had a rather checkered career, swindled everybody that he was able to touch, and that was a good many. While here during the fall he came near getting some of what was coming to him. The clutches of the chain-gang came near fastening on him, but unfortunately for the entire country he was able to escape.

"He got off light here, but there was a certain element of the white-livered variety who insisted he was a great martyr just before his demise. The Groveland South Georgian printed a long-winded howl about the indignities heaped upon Dr. Cline by Sheriff Kendrick simply because he brought him here after desperate and expensive struggle to extradite him, and after he had made repeated attempts to break jail.

"The atmosphere around Gainesville has probably grown uncomfortably warm for 'the Doc' by this time and in all probability he has skipped out to newer fields and greener pastures."

Douglass Talks of Killing at the Heights in August

Thomas Douglass, the negro arrested and brought from Quincy on Friday by Sheriff Ramsey on two charges, assault with intent to kill and also murder, was seen at the jail by a Sun reporter and talked freely of the killing.

He claims he is entirely innocent of the charge of murder, but he left the scene owing to jealousy existing against him by the negroes of the place.

"On the night of the killing," said Douglass, "we were all at a festival given near Orange Heights, and the majority were more or less under the influence of whiskey, in fact, all were drunk, and as there was so much shooting going on around there it would be hard to tell just who fired the shot which killed the man instantly.

"Shortly after the man fell someone in the crowd hollered out that

'Douglass killed him,' and knowing the amount of animosity that the negroes had against me I decided to beat it from Orange Heights until the affair was cleared up.

"I first visited Savannah, then later came back as far as Waycross, where I worked for some time, or until December 1, then coming down as far as Highland, when I wrote for my wife to come to me. Some of the Orange Heights people, learning of my whereabouts, preceded her and while I was waiting at the depot to meet her I saw them alight from the train, and I made for West Florida, working finally at Quincy until my arrest."

Douglass stated that he intended to secure a lawyer and was positive that he would come clear when the case was called for trial, for the negro was shot with a shotgun and he knew of no such weapon being anywhere around the festival.

Aged Negro Brutally Beaten and Almost Cremated

SELMA, Ala., March 5.—News reached Selma today that Wednesday night near Summerfield, Mose Coleman, an aged negro who lives in that community, was decoyed away from home by two white men and beaten severely.

When he called his son to help him, one of the white men shot the son, causing a flesh wound in the abdomen. The young men were John Rutledge and Bertram Tail, it is reported.

A few weeks ago the men, it is claimed, cut a bee tree belonging to the negro and he reported it to Mr. Campbell, justice of the peace at Summerfield. Having been reported to the authorities by the negro, greatly incensed the young men, it is claimed, and hence they proceeded to his home and told him if he would go with them over to Mr. Campbell's

place, they would "settle" with him for the tree.

It is said, when they had promised to reimburse the old man, he at once agreed to accompany them to the place designated by Coleman's home.

It is charged that the young men set upon their aged victim and beat him unmercifully. After they assaulted and bruised him, they placed dry pine straw around his body and set it on fire.

Cries brought his son to his assistance, and when he was approaching one of the young men shot the boy, causing a painful flesh wound.

A physician was kept busy all night trying to save his life. It is said that an operation will be necessary to save his life. When help reached him he was insensible.

How Tom Wynne Came to Kill Negro Near Bronson

Following is a clipping taken from The Bronson Times-Democrat concerning the killing of the negro near there:

"T. W. Wynne, manager of the sawmill of J. O. McLaurin & Co., about eight miles north of Bronson, last Thursday shot and killed Ed Green, a negro teamster in the employ of Sam Day, at the latter's wood camp.

"Mr. Wynne gave himself up and was given a preliminary hearing Saturday afternoon before Judge Friedman, State Attorney J. M. Elvers being present in behalf of the State.

"Sam Day, employer of the negro who was killed, was the first witness for the State. Mr. Day testified that as he and Mr. Wynne came up to the car where Ed Green was coming up

with a load of wood, Green, who was on a mule, pulled a pistol and pointed it at Mr. Wynne. Before he could fire Mr. Wynne, who had a shotgun, shot the negro to save his own life. Green was known to have a pistol, and it is thought that when he saw Mr. Wynne with a gun he expected to be disarmed, and he put up a fight which, but for his quickness, would have cost Mr. Wynne his life.

"Two negroes who saw the affair also testified for the State, each corroborating Mr. Day's testimony. Mr. Wynne was discharged, the State attorney saying there was no ground upon which to hold him.

"Mr. Wynne has many friends in Levy and Alachua counties who will be glad to learn the outcome of the case."

Commissioner McLin's Report as to Convicts

The tenth biennial report of the Commissioner of Agriculture of Florida for the period beginning January 1, 1907, and ending December 31, 1908, has been completed, and a copy of it received by The Sun. It is a book of 161 pages, and contains much valuable information. From it is learned that during the year 1908, 1,282 prisoners were on hand January 1st, and 446 committed during the year; 313 were discharged and the enormously large number of 127 were pardoned. Also that 54 escaped, 27 of whom were recaptured, and 26 died, and 4 became insane. On January 1,

1909, there were in the camps, 1,223 prisoners. There were no white females, but 75 colored females, 356 colored males and 75 white males committed last year. Duval county sent up the largest number, 81; St. Johns county sent up the next largest batch, 27; Lee and Sumner counties sent none; 54 were sentenced for life terms.

The compilation is a credit to Commissioner McLin, as it shows much careful information, valuable to every taxpayer in Florida.

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